

GAYLE Z. COMBS



1890—Born on farm at Rushville, Perry County, O.

1896-1905—Attended country school and worked on farm.

1905-1907—Attended Rushville High School—walked four miles daily to do so. Husked corn from 4 a. m. to 8 a. m. on neighbor's farm, arrived in time for school at 8:30 a. m. Milked nine cows twice daily, to pay tuition, buy books and clothing.

1907—Summer months, hired out in harvest field at \$18.00 per month. Saved \$50.00, borrowed \$50.00 to pay tuition, and took a six months' shorthand course at Columbus

Business College, working one and one-half hours at noon and one hour in evening, carrying out dishes in restaurant, for board.

1908-1911—Finished business course March 1, and started at the Thomas Shirt Company, Columbus, O., as stenographer as well as selling and collecting, starting at \$5.00 per week—still worked at restaurant for board. By November, was making \$12.00 per week and gave up restaurant work. Continued in their service until fall 1911. Was then getting \$18.00 per week.

1911-1912—Entered 5 and 10c business at No. 5, under Mr. Hill, in stockroom at \$8.00 per week.

1912-1913—Employed at store No. 61, Cincinnati, O.

1913-1914—Employed at Kansas City, store No. 82; Cedar Rapids, store 108; Springfield, store 106.

1914—Managed and opened first store at Terre Haute, Ind. No. 117.

1915-1919—Manager Buffalo, N. Y., store No. 53.

1919-1920—Manager Rochester, N. Y., store No. 14.

DELOS EWING THOMAS



1889—Born May 1, 310 Cottage St., Rome, N. Y.

1901-1902—Went to the Y. M. C. A. at 6 A. M. each morning, swept and dusted the place and straightened the library and game rooms. Received no pay for this, but my work was appreciated as I was given a free vacation trip to Soda Bay with several hundred boys from Y. M. C. A.'s all over the country, Y. M. C. A. paying my expenses and giving me a wonderful time.

Spent two years in Rome High School, then took stenographic and bookkeeping course in the Central City Business College at Syracuse, N. Y., and graduated in 1908.

1908—Went to work for the Franklin Automobile people at their factory as stenographer and after one year left.

1909—Went with the Standard Oil Co. and remained until 1913.

1913—Secured position with E. S. Kresge Co. Mr. W. C. Fisher hired me at the New York office. I trained under Mr. S. A. Van Maaren for two years.

1915—Given charge of the Plainfield, N. J. store. Is a member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Utica, N. Y., and belongs to the following fraternal organizations. Elks, Plainfield, N. J., No. 685. Masters Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., Albany, N. Y. Capital City Chapter, No. 242, Albany, N. Y. DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, Albany, N. Y. Temple Commandery No. 2, Albany, N. Y. Cyprus Temple Mystic Shrine, Albany, N. Y.